

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his comments during a 16 November 2004, phone call. As discussed with the Examiner in said phone call, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and enter all of the proposed amended claims, which are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

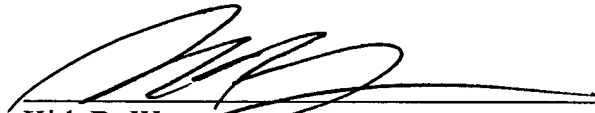
Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any fees, including the fees for the two additional claims to deposit account 50-1302. A duplicate of the Fee Transmittal sheet is enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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